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SUBJ: SAUDI PUBLIC REACTION TO GHASHMI ASSASSINATION

1. SAUDI ROYAL COURT HAS ISSUED STATEMENT CONDEMNING ASSASSINATION OF YAR PRESIDENT GHASHMI. STATEMENT AVOID EXPLICIT MENTION OF PDRY'S PART IN KILLING BUT CLEARLY IMPLIES THAT SAUDI ARABIA CONSIDERS PDRY LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBLE. STATEMENT DESCRIBES ASSASSINS AS "CRIMINALS WHO HAVE SOLD THEIR RELIGION AND HOME LAND TO ALIEN FORCES WHOSE MAIN AND SOLE GOAL IS TO DIVIDE THE RANKS OF THE ARAB NATION IN ORDER TO CREATE A RIPE ATMOSPHERE TO ATTAIN THEIR GOALS" THIS IS ABOUT AS DIRECT A CONDEMNATION OF PDRY AS SAUDIS COULD MAKE WITHOUT NAMING IT DIRECTLY.

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2. STATEMENT ALSO AFFIRMS SAUDI SUPPORT FOR YAR AS FOLLOWS: SAUDI ARABIA WILL STAND WITH RESOLVE AND DETERMINATION BY THE SIDE OF THE YEMENI PEOPLE TO HELP THEM MAINTAIN THEIR RELIGION, DEVELOPMENT, AND STABILITY AND IT WILL NOT ALLOW FOREIGN INTERVENTION TO ATTAIN ITS GOAL IN THEIR MUSLIM COUNTRY."

3. ACCUSING PDRY, CLATHOUGH EDITORIALS STOP JUST SHORT OF EXPLICITLY CALLING PDRY LEADERSHIP ASSASSINS OF GHASHMI. JUNE 25 AL-MADINA COMMENTARY ENTITLED "CALMITY WILL OVERTAKE THE OPRESSOR" RECALLS EARLIER POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS IN NORTH YEMEN AND CONCLUDES, "WHENEVER A BOMB EXPLODES IN NORTHERN YEMEN THE FINGER OF ACCUSATION IS DIRECTED TOWARD ADEN. ANY HOME IN NORTHERN YEMEN WHICH IS ALARMED BY THE DEATH OF ANY OF ITS MEMEBER TURNS ITS EYES SOUTHWARD, BECAUSE IT CONFIDENTLY KNOWN THAT THE MARXISTS OF ADEN WERE BEHIND THE INCIDENT. NO NORTH YEMANI LEADER WAS KILLED EXCEPT THROUGH THE MALICIOUS ACTS OF THE MARXISTS OF SOUTH YEMEN, FOR THEY ARE THE KILLERS."

4. SAUDI GAZETTE OF JUNE 25 ALSO MENTIONS PREVIOUS SOUTHERNTREACHERY AND LEAVES THE READER TO CONCLUDE WHO COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS LATEST IN A SERIES. THE PAPER WRITES, THE, TREACHERY OF YESTERDAY'S ACT WAS CALCULATED TO REMIND NORTH YEMENI TRIBESAMEN OF THEIR BELIEF THAT THE 65 CHEIFSSOUTH YEMEN SAID WERE KILLED IN BORDER SKIRMISHES WERE MASSACRED BY A BOMB BLAST AT A RECONCILIATION FEAST HOST BY THE SOUTH."

5. OKAZ OF JUNE 25 AVOIDS EXPLICIT MENTION OF SOUTH YEMEN OR OF ITS PREVIOUS CRIMES BUT REFERS TO GHASHMI AS MARTYR IN CAUSE OF ARABISM AGAINST SUBJECTION. CRIMINALITY. AND ATHEISM. THERECAN BE LITTLE DOUBT TO WHICH COUNTRY UNCLASSIFIED

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